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# Eminem Files For Divorce

Rapper and wife separated in June, a spokesperson says.

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**Eminem** filed for divorce Wednesday (Aug. 16) in Macomb County, Mich., and has been separated from his wife, Kimberly Mathers, since early June, according to the rapper's spokesperson.

The announcement signals the end of a tumultuous marriage that the 27-year-old hip-hop star often rapped about. Eminem (born Marshall Mathers) faces felony assault and weapons charges after a June incident in which he allegedly pistol-whipped a man who kissed Kimberly Mathers outside the Warren, Mich., nightclub Hot Rocks.

"The two had an on-again, off-again relationship that has been extensively detailed in the press," spokesperson Dennis Dennehy read from a statement. "In early June the couple separated and Eminem has come to the decision that divorce is unavoidable."

Kimberly Mathers, 25, wrote a letter to the *Detroit Free Press* after the June incident in which she said her husband "came up to Hot Rocks to check up on me" and then "flew off the handle." She said she wasn't cheating on him, but that "my husband has had no problem trying to make me look like an unfaithful wife."

In July, Kimberly Mathers slashed her wrists in a suicide attempt at the couple's Sterling Heights, Mich., home.

Eminem's marital spats have provided material for his songs. On "97' Bonnie & Clyde" (RealAudio excerpt), from 1999's *The Slim Shady LP,* Eminem raps about coaxing his baby daughter to help him dispose of his wife's body. On *The Marshall Mathers LP*'s "Kim" (RealAudio excerpt) — which has been described as the prequel to "97' Bonnie & Clyde" — Eminem rhymes about an explosive argument with his wife in which he accuses her of cheating.

"['Kim'] is like an outtake from one of our arguments in everyday life," Eminem said this summer. "We've had fights like that, where it's like constant screaming and sh-- like that. ... I basically took the anger that was built up from what she had done to me and what we was going through, and I made it into a song."